



Plan Your Visit

Munising Falls Visitor Center is located on the park's western end. Stop here for information, brochures, backcountry permit information, a bookstore, and activity and program schedules. Exhibits explain blast furnace and logging history and the geology of Pictured Rocks cliffs. Enjoy a short walk to Munising Falls. Open daily mid-May to mid-October. Open Thursdays through Saturdays in winter except federal holidays.

Grand Sable Visitor Center, at the foot of Grand Sable Dunes on the park's eastern end, offers information, backcountry permit information, exhibits, and a bookstore. Open daily in summer.

Boat Tours/Trips Concession cruise boats travel from Munising along the Pictured Rocks cliffs daily mid-May to mid-October. For tickets and more information visit www.picturedrocks.com or call 906-387-2379. Various commercial businesses offer kayak trips and other guided recreational opportunities: www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/commercial-services.htm.

Hiking and Walking Pictured Rocks offers 100 miles of trails; choose from short or long, easy

or strenuous. Get maps and information at the visitor centers. Portions of the North Country Trail and other trails give you spectacular vistas of the lake, cliffs, dunes, and waterfalls. Plan ahead. Tell someone where you are going. Carry plenty of water and food. Be prepared for rain or rapid weather changes. Wear sturdy footwear and layered clothing.

Beaches Sand beaches on Lake Superior that are suitable for sunbathing and swimming are located at Sand Point, Miners Beach, Twelvemile Beach, Hurricane River, and Lake Superior Overlook. Use caution. Cold water and rough conditions can make swimming hazardous. Observe surf and rip current warnings. Lifeguards are not present.

Drive-In Camping is available at Twelvemile Beach, Hurricane River, and Little Beaver Lake campgrounds. All have water, tables, fire rings with grill grates, and toilets but NO showers. Campsites (fee) are first-come, first-served. Register and pay at the campground. Stays are limited. Some size restrictions apply. In peak season, campgrounds often fill by 10 am.

Camping is also available in state forests and parks, private campgrounds, and Hiawatha National Forest.

Backcountry Camping In the park are 14 backcountry campgrounds, including one boat-in site and seven group sites. Most are located every 2 to 5 miles along the North Country Trail. Overnight backcountry sites (fee) require a permit, obtained at www.recreation.gov or 877-444-6777. Camp only in designated sites. Use stoves at Chapel Beach and Mosquito Beach campgrounds; fires prohibited. At other sites fires are allowed only in metal fire rings. Ground and beach fires are prohibited. There is no potable water; use a water filter.

Boating, Canoeing, and Sea Kayaking Beaver Lake, Little Beaver Lake, and Grand Sable Lake are favorites for small boats, kayaks, and canoes. Boats must be clean and dry before launching to prevent introduction of invasive species. Only electric motors are allowed on Beaver and Little Beaver lakes. Most rivers are too shallow for canoeing. Lake Superior is often too rough for small craft. Kayakers on Lake

Superior should use sea kayaks only and make sure they have all necessary safety gear. See the Kayaking Safety brochure for details. Munising and Grand Marais have launch ramps for motor boats. Backcountry permits (fee) are required for overnight boaters and sea kayakers.

Hunting/Fishing are allowed in season under federal and state regulations. Michigan hunting or fishing licenses are required. Trapping and target practice are prohibited. Some park areas are closed to hunting for safety reasons. For firearms regulations see the park website. Check at visitor centers for more information.

Winter Activities Crosscountry ski on miles of groomed trails. Snowmobile on one of the designated park roads. Also popular are ice fishing on inland lakes and South Bay (Munising Bay), snowshoeing, ice climbing, and winter camping. For details see the park website.

Weather, Bugs Your visit will be more enjoyable if you come prepared for changing conditions. The proximity of Lake Superior moderates the climate, but sudden storms can develop

year-round and hypothermia is always a threat. Bring rain gear and layers of warm clothing. Black flies and mosquitoes can be aggravating mid-May to mid-July. Stable flies are common along the shore in warm, humid weather. Wear long light-colored pants and long-sleeved shirts. Use insect repellent. Wear a hat.

Pets are allowed only in limited areas of the park. They are prohibited on most trails. Check at visitor centers or see website for details. Where they are allowed, pets must be leashed and attended. Pets and domestic pack animals are prohibited in the backcountry.

Safety First Be alert. Your safety is your responsibility. • Do not climb or slide on cliffs. Stay back from their edges; they can suddenly give way. • Stay on trails and boardwalks. Use the overlooks. • Do not climb on rocks near waterfalls. • Sudden storms and Lake Superior's cold water make watersports treacherous. Use caution when wading, swimming, fishing, scuba diving, and boating. • Use caution while bicycling on park roads and H58.

Emergencies call 911

Observe These Regulations Bicycles are prohibited on all trails. • Motorized or wheeled vehicles are prohibited in the backcountry. • ORVs are prohibited in the lakeshore except for limited access on certain park roads. • Federal and state laws protect natural and historic features. Do not disturb shipwreck remains on the shore or in the water. • Drones are prohibited in all areas of the park.

Accessibility We strive to make our facilities, services, and programs accessible to all. For more information go to a visitor center, ask a ranger, call, or check our website.

More Information Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore
PO Box 40
Munising, MI 49862-0040
906-387-3700
www.nps.gov/piro

Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore is one of over 400 parks in the National Park System. Learn more at www.nps.gov.

©GPO:2004-xxx-xxxx/xxxx Reprint 20xx
Printed on recycled paper.